

RE: Are You Aware that the State is Monitoring for Radiation at the site?

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Subject	RE: Are You Aware that the State is Monitoring for Radiation at the site?
From	Ball, Stephen
To	MacIntyre, Mark
Cc	Sheldrake, Beth; Werntz, James
Sent	Tuesday, November 20, 2018 4:57 PM

Sorry Mark. My misjudgment. There seems to be gathering more and more significant hubbub about radiation, but there was no rad waste involved in this incident, none stored nearby, nor has there been any detected in any preliminary surveys done by the facility.

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Would've been good to be aware earlier....it's kind of a significant thin and I was COMPLETELY unaware!

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Yes and no. I knew that the facility had passive samplers on the fence line, but after checking with them they confirmed that DEQ also has co-located samplers and radon monitors. All located on the fence line.

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BOISE — Air monitoring systems have been set up to check for low-level nuclear radiation and other harmful contaminants following a powerful weekend blast at a hazardous waste site in Idaho that killed a worker, destroyed one building and damaged others.

Albert Crawshaw of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality says the monitors were installed Tuesday at the US Ecology site about 50 miles south of Boise. Results were not yet available.

US Ecology takes in low-level radioactive waste, but Crawshaw says none of the material was believed to be near the explosion on Saturday.

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The company also takes in contaminants such as arsenic, lead, zinc, cadmium and other metals.

Officials say it's not clear what caused the explosion.

Crawshaw says an inspector is examining buildings damaged in the blast to determine if they're safe to enter.

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